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Wyle Laboratories, Inc.
Norco, California



Preliminary Results from Golden West Lane

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This fact sheet presents the preliminary results of the soil gas sampling we conducted at eight properties along Golden West Lane during the week of June 14th, 2004.

We took these samples to look for the chemical TCE (trichloroethene) at homes near the border of the Wyle Laboratories site.

The reason for the sampling was to see if TCE is in the soil gas on residential properties near the site, if it presents a risk to residents, and if it needs to be cleaned up.

“Preliminary” means that the results are from the on-site, mobile laboratory. These results will be validated by an independent data validation company in the next few weeks. We don’t anticipate the final results will be different from what we have now.

As you know, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the lead agency overseeing the environmental investigation and cleanup at the Wyle Laboratories site at 1841 Hillside Avenue in Norco, California.

Preliminary sampling results show either no TCE or very low levels

We took soil gas samples at eight properties. Preliminary results are shown on the attached map, along with the previous results from samples collected on the street.

Preliminary sample results for all the properties were below the screening level of 100 micrograms per liter for TCE. (The “screening level” is used to determine whether further action is needed.) For most of the properties, TCE was found in trace amounts or at very low levels.

The TCE levels found do not pose an immediate threat to human health. The highest concentration found was less than 100 micrograms per liter. TCE levels would have to be above 10,700 micrograms per liter to pose an immediate risk to health.

Community Meeting Being Planned for August

We are planning another community meeting to discuss these results and other issues about the site sometime in mid-August. Once we have a date and location, we will notify the community.

Cleanup to be planned

While all of these samples were below the screening level, there is still a small increased risk of cancer in the order of one excess case of cancer in 100,000 people over a lifetime, assuming 30 years of continuous exposure. This doesn't mean that someone is likely to develop cancer, but rather that there is a small increased chance that cancer may develop from 30 years of daily exposure to the TCE.

To address this risk, DTSC is requiring Wyle to develop and implement cleanup measures near its northwestern property boundary. We have not yet determined specifically where or how much cleanup will be done. At this time we don't anticipate that any cleanup will be needed on the residential properties. Over the next several weeks DTSC will work with Wyle to develop a cleanup plan. We will keep you informed and work closely with you throughout this process.

Where you can get more information about the site

Copies of the Wyle site-related documents are available for review at the following locations:

Norco City Hall
2870 Clark Avenue
Norco, California
909-735-3900

Corona Library
650 South Main Street
Corona, California
909-736-2381

Dept. of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, California
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Call Ms. Julie Johnson to make an appointment.

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Community Advisory Group

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) has been formed to help communicate community concerns to DTSC. For further information, please contact Dr. Jeanne Guertin, CAG Chair, at 909-582-9010.

Notice to the hearing impaired

TDD users can use the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Public Participation Supervisor Mona Arteaga at 714-484-5416.

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Figure 1- Preliminary TCE Soil Gas Results

